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## Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A paint touchup jar comprising
  - (A) a cylindrical container ~~having~~ at least about 2 inches in diameter, consisting essentially of a base, and vertical sides, and said vertical sides having a threaded rim that is the same diameter as said vertical sides;
  - (B) a threaded lid that can be screwed onto said threaded rim; and
  - (C) a cylindrical sponge attached to the inside of said threaded lid, where the diameter of said sponge exceeds the inside diameter of said vertical sides, whereby said sponge contacts said vertical sides.
2. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein said cylindrical container and said lid are made of transparent plastic.
3. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein another lid that is identical to said threaded lid is attached back-to-back to said threaded lid.
4. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein the diameter of said sponge exceeds the inside of the diameter of said rim by about  $\frac{1}{8}$  to about  $\frac{5}{8}$  inches.
5. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 including an amount of a water-based paint within said container.

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6. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 including an amount of an oil-based paint within said container.

7. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein said cylindrical container is about 2 to about 4 inches in diameter and about 1½ to about 3 inches deep.

8. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein said cylindrical container holds about 2 to about 4 ounces of paint.

9. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 1 wherein said cylindrical sponge is about 1 to about 2½ inches in length.

10. (Original) A method of storing a small quantity of paint for touching up a painted surface comprising

(A) placing a quantity of the paint used to paint said painted surface inside a paint touchup jar according to Claim 1; and

(B) screwing said threaded lid onto the threaded rim of said container.

11. (Original) A paint touchup jar containing paint stored therein according to the method of Claim 10.

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12. (Original) A method of touching up a damaged painted surface with a paint touchup jar according to Claim 11 comprising

- (A) contacting paint within said container with said sponge;
- (B) unscrewing said lid and removing said sponge from said container;
- (C) applying paint on said sponge to said damaged painted surface; and
- (D) screwing said lid back onto said container.

13. (Currently amended) A paint touchup jar comprising

- (A) a cylindrical container ~~having~~ about 2 to about 4 inches in diameter, consisting of a base, and vertical sides, and said vertical sides having a threaded rim that is the same diameter as said vertical sides;
- (B) paint within said cylindrical container;
- (C) a single threaded lid that can be screwed onto said threaded rim; and
- (D) a cylindrical sponge attached to the inside of said threaded lid, where the diameter of said sponge is about  $\frac{1}{8}$  to about  $\frac{5}{8}$  inches greater than the diameter of the inside of said lid threaded rim, whereby said sponge contacts said vertical sides.

14. (Original) A method of touching up a damaged painted surface with a paint touchup jar according to Claim 13 comprising

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- (A) contacting paint within said container with said sponge;
- (B) unscrewing said lid and removing said sponge from said container;
- (C) applying paint on said sponge to said damaged painted surface; and
- (D) screwing said lid back onto said container.

15. (Currently amended) A paint touchup jar comprising

- (A) a cylindrical container having about 2 to about 4 inches in diameter, consisting of a base, and vertical sides, and said vertical sides having a threaded rim that is the same diameter as said vertical sides;
- (B) paint within said cylindrical container;
- (C) a first threaded lid screwed onto said threaded rim;
- (D) a second threaded lid that can be screwed onto said threaded rim, where said first threaded lid is attached to back-to-back to said second threaded lid; and
- (E) a cylindrical sponge attached to the inside of said second threaded lid, where the diameter of said sponge is about  $\frac{1}{8}$  to about  $\frac{5}{8}$  inches greater than the diameter of the inside of said lid threaded rim, whereby said sponge contacts said vertical sides.

16. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 15 wherein said cylindrical container and said lid are made of transparent plastic.

17. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 15 wherein said cylindrical container is about 2 to about 4 inches in diameter and about 1½ to about 3 inches deep.

18. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 15 wherein said sponge is about 1 to about 2½ inches in length.

19. (Original) A paint touchup jar according to Claim 15 wherein said paint is a latex paint.

20. (Original) A method of touching up a damaged painted surface with a paint touchup jar according to Claim 15 comprising

- (A) unscrewing said first lid;
- (B) contacting paint within said container with said sponge;
- (C) applying paint on said sponge to said damaged painted surface; and
- (D) inserting said sponge into said container and screwing on said second lid or cleaning said sponge and screwing on said first lid.